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Finish the Summer Reading Game by Aug. 1!

It's been a magical and adventurous journey of Summer Reading Game fun these last few months - thank you for spending it with us! And now, we're reaching the [last few days of programming and opportunities](#) to come and claim your prizes!

Here's how to finish strong:

- Read, read, read and log those minutes!
- Take Summer Reading Game "Finisher" photo at your local branch.
- Share your feedback! Favorite events? Something new you discovered. This helps us plan for next year!
- Bookmark where you left off and continue reading. PPL offers amazing programming throughout the year.

We hope you discovered something new and maybe even found your new favorite book? The adventures don't stop on Aug. 1st (and summer isn't technically over!) Reading just 20 minutes a day makes all the difference. We hope you tell a friend and continue embarking on new adventures at your local library all year long.

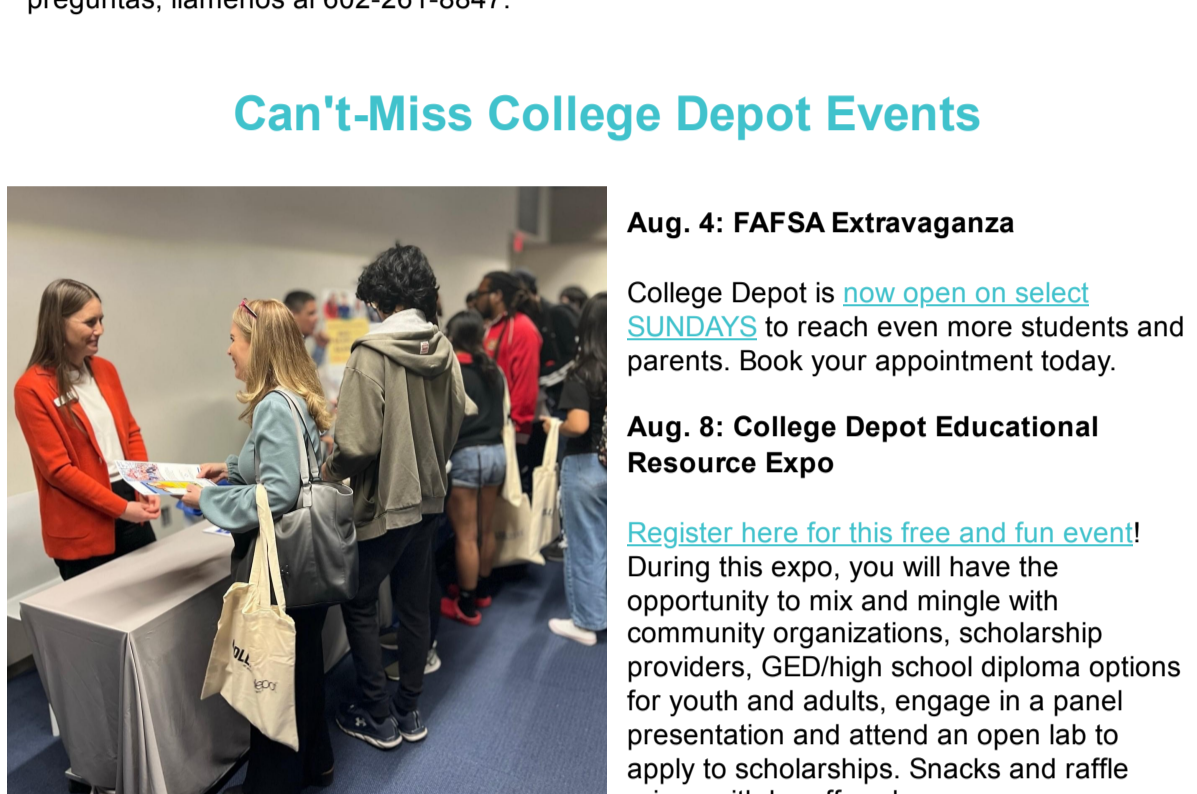
College Depot is Increasing Its Hours and Hosting New FAFSA Support Events - Don't Miss Out!



Does your student need help to complete their FAFSA for this upcoming school year? [Click here to sign up](#) for one of our FAFSA labs. You will receive guidance from a FAFSA expert to help submit the form successfully. The College Depot at Phoenix Public Library team have actively been working through known issues to build a knowledge base of compliant problem-solving, which successfully address glitches within the new FAFSA. If you have further questions, please call us at 602-261-8847.

¿Su estudiante necesita ayuda para completar su FAFSA para este próximo año escolar? [Haga clic aquí para registrarse](#) en uno de nuestros talleres de FAFSA. Recibirá ayuda de un experto en FAFSA para ayudarlo a completarlo correctamente. El equipo de College Depot en la Biblioteca Pública de Phoenix ha estado trabajando activamente para abordar los problemas en la nueva aplicación de FAFSA. Si tiene más preguntas, llámenos al 602-261-8847.

Can't-Miss College Depot Events



Aug. 4: FAFSA Extravaganza

College Depot is [now open on select Saturdays](#) to reach even more students and parents. Book your appointment today.

Aug. 8: College Depot Educational Resource Expo

[Register here for this free and fun event!](#) During this expo, you will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with community organizations, scholarship providers, GED/high school diploma options for youth and adults, engage in a panel presentation and attend an open lab to apply to scholarships. Snacks and raffle prizes will be offered.



Share Your Input on Shade!



The City of Phoenix's Office of Heat Response and Mitigation and the Street Transportation Department want to hear from you! They are hosting a [virtual meeting to gain resident input for the Phoenix Sidewalk Shade Project](#) on Thursday, Aug. 15 from 5:30-7 p.m.

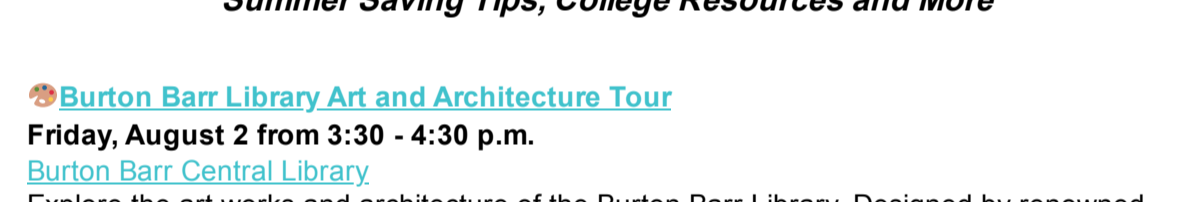
The City is designing shade structures to construct at major intersections and crosswalks around the City. Please note, designs are subject to change. For details, visit [Phoenix.gov/heat](#).

Free City of Phoenix Service: Recyclops



A new plastic bag recycling option is here! While you should never put bags in your blue curbside bin, Phoenix residents can now use Recyclops - a subscription-based service that recycles your plastic bags, films, and other soft plastics.

Recyclops specializes in diverting waste from landfills. The company was founded in 2014 and now operates in 30 states, diverting around 1 million pounds away from landfills each month. [Sign up for door-to-door pickups for plastic](#) and soft film recycling today by visiting [recyclops.com/phoenix](#) and [enjoy 3-months of Recyclops free!](#)



August Program Highlights!
Summer Saving Tips, College Resources and More

Burton Barr Library Art and Architecture Tour

Friday, August 2 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
[Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Explore the art works and architecture of the Burton Barr Library. Designed by renowned architect Will Bruder, the 5-story tall library contains works of art including sculptures, paintings and fiber arts. This one-hour walking tour will cover highlights of the art and explain the design elements that went in to making Burton Barr Library a local landmark. Tours are limited to 10 participants. [Registration required and available here.](#) Meet in the Gallery on the first floor.

Financial Literacy For All (Courses 1): Banking and Credit Fundamentals

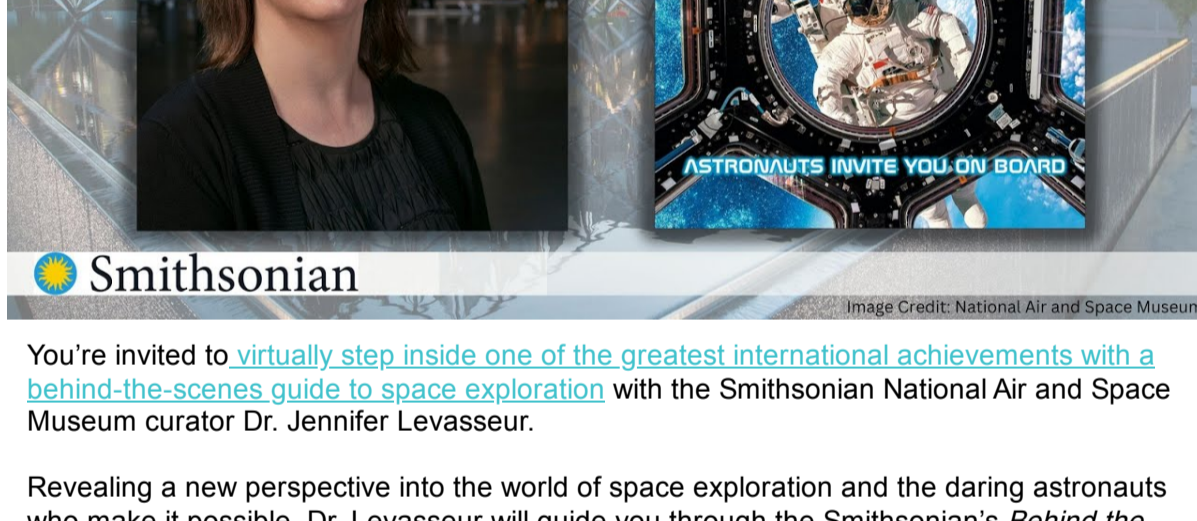
Friday, August 2 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
[Burton Barr Library StartUpPHX \(Online Class\)](#)

Explore the various types of banking accounts and the fundamentals of credit. This course covers interest rates, loan applications, and strategies for managing, repairing and improving credit.

Aug. 10: In-person *Spanish class registration here.

Check out all the [finance and small business programming](#) StartUpPHX offers.

Aug. 7 Featured E-Resource: Book Talk with Dr. Jennifer Levasseur - A Livestream Event (11 A.M.)



You're invited to [virtually step inside one of the greatest international achievements with a behind-the-scenes guide to space exploration](#) with the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum curator Dr. Jennifer Levasseur.

Revealing a new perspective into the world of space exploration and the daring astronauts who make it possible, Dr. Levasseur will guide you through the Smithsonian's *Behind the Scenes at the Space Station* and take you on a once-in-a-lifetime virtual tour of the International Space Station.

You will learn what the astronauts do once they make it to the space station, from experiments to repairs and so much more! Have you ever wondered if plants could grow in outer space? Or how the space station doesn't break down in outer space? Or how astronauts go to the toilet in microgravity?

Behind the Scenes at the Space Station is a treasure trove of information. Did you know that during a 24-hour period, the space station completes 16 orbits of Earth and the astronauts on board see 16 sunrises and sunsets every day?

Brimming with astonishing visuals, step-by-step explanations of everyday space work in action, and job profiles of the adventurous people who make it happen, Dr. Levasseur's tour *Behind the Scenes at the Space Station* is the perfect way to spend an hour and experience life in space.

The Accidental Crafter: Marble Tote Bags!

Saturday, August 17 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
[Acacia Library](#)

Are you a reluctant or inexperienced crafter? Are you looking for new projects but don't know where to start? Join us for an hour of creativity and fun as we all craft together! We will be painting tote bags with a marbling technique using shaving cream and fabric paint. All materials for this activity are provided. [Register here.](#)

Free Hearing and Vision Screenings for Children

Friday, August 23 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
[Mesquite Library](#)

Do you have children under the age of five? Would you like to get their vision and/or hearing checked? If so, Phoenix Public Library and Chicago's For La Causa can help! Hearing and vision are essential to children's overall development. Signs and symptoms may be subtle and can go unnoticed, especially if there are no risk factors for your child's hearing or vision status. Early identification and intervention are key to your child's success.

Employer Spotlight Series: PECKHAM

Tuesday, August 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
[Harmon Library](#)

Looking for Work? Not sure what all is out there? Visit us during our Employer Spotlight drop-in events to meet with our featured employer for the week. PECKHAM is under the AbilityOne initiative and are looking for individuals with documented disabilities at this time. They are offering a sign-on bonus of \$350 after certification.

Don't miss the Multi-Employer/Resource Fair on Aug. 29.

FIRST Robotics Expo at MACH1

Saturday, August 31 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
[Burton Barr Central Library MACH1 \(4th Floor\)](#)

Join local FIRST Robotics teams at MACH1 Makerspace for FIRST Robotics Expo, brought to you by the ASU Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering. View real competition robots created by kids and teens, play with robot toys, and create something cool with LEGO! Learn about how you can start your own team and join the fun. This is a walk-in program for all ages.



Surprise, surprise... we have them all! Need some new reading suggestions? Browse some of the best writing of this century so far with the [New York Times' 100 Best Books of the 21st Century list](#).

Over 503 novelists, fiction writers, poets and critics were surveyed to create this list. If you want to read more about how this list was created, [check out this New York Times article](#).

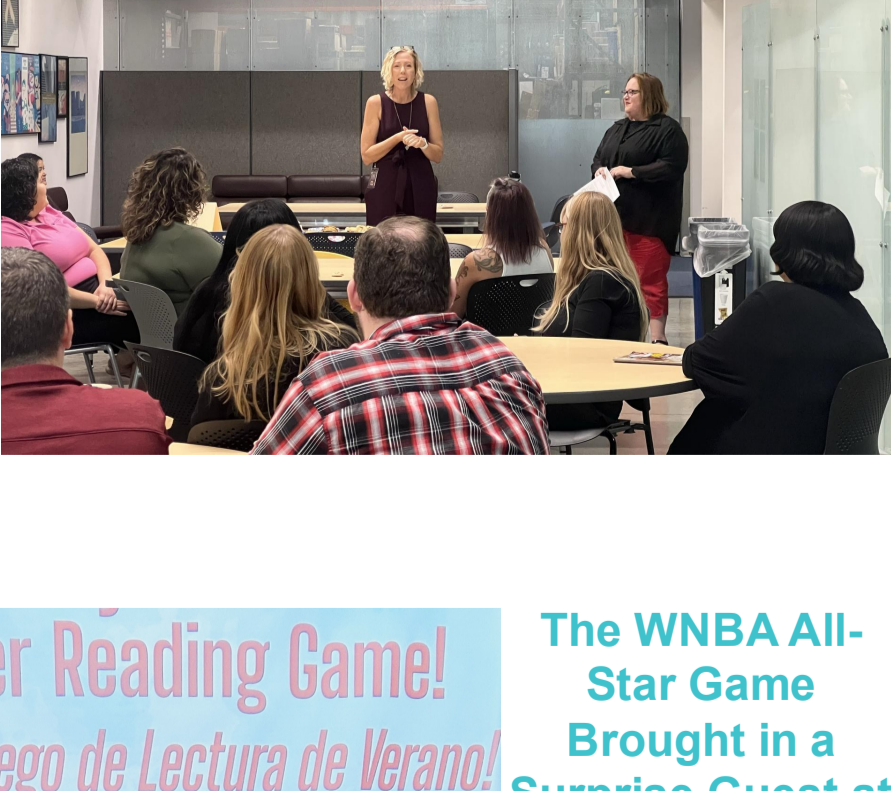
Don't have a subscription? You can get [free access](#) to digital publications with your library card. Just log in and search through our e-Resources. View real competition robots created by kids and teens, play with robot toys, and create something cool with LEGO! Learn about how you can start your own team and join the fun. This is a walk-in program for all ages.

Two Exciting PPL visits!

New PPL Director's First Day!

Phoenix Public Library has a new [Library Services Director, Erin MacFarlane](#).

Yesterday, she took the time today to speak to Burton Barr Central Library employees and will spend the next few months meeting with our PPL community to take our public library system to new heights.



Summer Reading Game! ¡Juega el Juego de Lectura de Verano!

JUNE 1 to AUGUST 1
[maricopacountyreads.org](#)



The WNBA All-Star Game Brought in a Surprise Guest at Burton Barr Central Library!

Our Youth Librarians we're so excited to see Mychal Threats stroll into Burton Barr Central Library one Saturday afternoon.

Mychal is the PBS Resident Librarian and a public library advocate extraordinaire. He's a social media sensation who often shares book recommendations and affirming messages of love and literacy.

It was not a bad day to work a weekend shift at Phoenix Public Library! 🙌

